

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (original): A polypeptide having at least 90% homology with the amino acid sequence

HCC-1(1-74)
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10 20 30 40 50 60 70
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TKTESSSRG PYHPSECCFT YTTYKIPRQR IMDYYETNSQ CSKPGIVFIT KRGHSVCTNP SDKWVQDYIK DMKEN
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whereby R is an oligosaccharide composed out of N-acetylgalactosamine galactose or an oligosaccharide composed out of N-acetylgalactosamine galactose and N-acetylneuraminic acids,

its biologically active fragments, analogs and derivatives, in particular amidated, acylated, and/or phosphorylated derivatives,

wherein the two cystein residues in positions 16 and 40 linked together by a disulfide bond and wherein the two cystein residues in positions 17 and 56 are linked together by a disulfide bond.

Claim 2 (original): A polypeptide having at least 90% identity to the polypeptide sequence of claim 1.

Claim 3 (original): The polypeptide of claim 1 being the chemokine glycosylated HCC-1.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The processed polypeptide according to claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 3~~ wherein (a) the N-terminus is modified by coupling a chemical group generating a chemokine having the structure of [Glyoxyloyl1]PHC 1-Pentane oxime, Nonanyl-PHC, [Glyoxyloyl1]PHC 1-Heptane oxime, [Glyoxyloyl1]PHC 1-Hexane oxime, [Glyoxyloyl1]PHC 1-Pentene oxime or Nonaoyl-PHC and

wherein the modification is influencing the biological activity of PHC or wherein (b) amino acid residues of the N-terminus or of the C-terminus are deleted.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The chemokines according to claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 4~~ wherein one or more lysine, histidine, glutamate, aspartate, or cysteine residues of the chemokine are modified by coupling a chemical group having the structure of polyethylenglycol and wherein this modification is increasing the plasma half-life time of HCC-1.

Claim 6 (currently amended): An antibody against an amino acid sequence of claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 5~~.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A diagnostic agent containing polyclonal or monoclonal antibodies against chemokine HCC-1 of claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 5~~.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A medicament containing chemokine HCC-1 of claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 5~~ or an antibody against the chemokine ~~the antibody of claim 6~~.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A process for producing a polypeptide comprising polypeptides according to claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 5~~ using recombinant techniques or chemical synthesis.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A process for producing cells capable of expressing a polypeptide according to claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 5~~.

Claim 11 (currently amended): Use of the polypeptide according to claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 5~~, in particular HCC-1 molecules without glycosylation and N-terminally truncated HCC-1 molecules, especially HCC-1 (2-74), HCC-1 (3-74), HCC-1 (4-74), HCC-1 (5-

74), HCC-1 (6-74), HCC-1 (7-74), HCC-1 (8-74), HCC-1 (9-74), HCC-1 (10-74), HCC-1 (11-74) and HCC-1 (12-74) for the manufacturing of a medicament for increase engraftment of stem cells.

Claim 12 (original): Use of the polypeptide according to claim 11 for transplantation of progenitor and stem cells.

Claim 13 (original): Use of the polypeptide according to claim 11 for treatment of progenitor- and stem cells prior to transplantation.

Claim 14 (original): Use of the polypeptide according to claim 11 for *in vivo* application of such a molecule into patients which are receiving stem cell transplantation prior to and/or in the course of stem cell transplantation.

Claim 15 (currently amended): Use of the polypeptide according to claim 14 ~~claims 11 to 14~~ wherein the host patient are not conditioned.

Claim 16 (currently amended): Use of the polypeptide according to claim 14 ~~claims 11 to 14~~ wherein the host patient is conditioned under sublethal, lethal, or supralethal conditions.

Claim 17 (original): Use of the polypeptide according to claim 16 wherein sublethal, lethal, or supralethal conditions include treatment with total body irradiation, optionally followed by treatment with myeloablative or immunosuppressive agents.

Claim 18 (original): Use of the polypeptide according to claim 16 wherein sublethal, lethal, or supralethal conditions include myeloablative or immunosuppressive treatment without total body irradiation.

Claim 19 (currently amended): Use of the polypeptide according to claim 11 ~~claims 11 to 18~~ for the transplantation of hematopoietic progenitor and stem cells, umbilical cord blood and placental stem and progenitor cells, liver stem and progenitor cells (oval cells), mesenchymal stem and progenitor cells, endothelial progenitor cells, skeletal muscle stem and progenitor cells (satellite cells), smooth muscle stem and progenitor cells, intestinal stem and progenitor cells, embryonic stem cells, and genetically modified embryonic stem cells, adult islet/beta stem-and progenitor cell, epidermal progenitor and stem cells, keratinocyte stem cells of cornea, skin and hair follicles, olfactory (bulb) stem and progenitor cells and side population cells from diverse adult tissues.

Claim 20 (currently amended): Use of the polypeptide according to claim 11 ~~claims 11 to 19~~ for the treatment of leukemias, lymphoproliferative disorders, aplastic anemia, congenital disorders of the bone marrow, solid tumors, autoimmune disorders, inflammatory diseases, primary immunodeficiencies, primary systemic amyloidosis, systemic sclerosis, heart diseases, liver diseases, neurodegenerative diseases, multiple sclerosis, M. Parkinson, stroke, spinal cord injury diabetes mellitus, bone diseases, skin diseases, replacement therapy of the skin, retina or cornea, other congenital disorders, vessel diseases like atherosclerosis or cardiovascular disease.